

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2005

House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Unlimited "One Minutes"	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

Suspensions (1 bill):
1) **H.Con.Res. 202** – Permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to honor Constantino Brumidi on the 200th anniversary of his birth (*Rep. Pascrell – House Administration*)

Postponed Suspension Vote (1 bill):
1) **H.Res. 326** – Calling for free and fair parliamentary elections in the Republic of Azerbaijan (*Rep. Gallegly – International Relations*)

H.R. 2601 – Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007 (*Rep. Smith {NJ} – International Relations*) (Complete Consideration). This bill authorizes \$10.8 billion in 2006 and \$10 billion in 2007 for the Department of State, international broadcasting activities, international assistance programs, and related agencies. The bill includes the following authorization levels: \$3.77 billion for FY06 and \$3.89 billion for FY07 for Diplomatic and Consular programs; \$1.52 billion for FY06 and \$1.55 billion for FY07 Embassy Security, Construction and Maintenance, and \$689 million in FY06 and \$710 million in FY07 for worldwide security upgrades; \$1.3 billion in FY06 and FY07 for contributions to international organizations; \$955 million in FY06 and \$984 million in FY07 for migration and refugee assistance; \$661 million in FY06 for international broadcasting activities; and \$1.3 billion in FY06 and \$1.2 billion in FY07 for military assistance to Egypt (the bill redirects \$40 million per year, for 3 years, from U.S. military assistance to Egypt and channels these funds to maintain Egypt’s economic assistance at the FY05 level). This bill also includes provisions: to deal with nuclear black markets; to create a more formal structure at the Department of State for the promotion of democracy; and to provide the State Department with tools to confront the spread of ballistic missiles. This bill was reported out of the International Relations Committee on May 26, 2005 by a unanimous vote (44-0).

Yesterday, the House completed general debate and considered several amendments to this bill. Today, the House will consider the remaining nineteen amendments made in order by the rule. All but three of these amendments are debatable for 10 minutes:

- **Issa Amendment (30 minutes).** To require the Secretary of State to submit a report that describes the weakness of identification documents, including birth certificates, required for the issuance of passports; establish a requirement that all passport acceptance agents undergo background investigations and a comprehensive training program to improve document fraud detection efforts; and expand the authority of the US government to investigate cases of the illegal sale of US passports and visas by U.S. government personnel.
- **King (IA) Amendment.** To require the Secretary of State to submit a report to Congress identifying each nongovernmental organization that receives funding under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, the date on which the funding was provided to the NGO, and the date on which the NGO filed a statement with the US government certifying that the NGO has in effect a policy explicitly opposing prostitution and sex trafficking.
- **King (IA) Amendment.** To insert the text of H. Con. Res. 144, condemning the attacks on US citizens by Palestinian terrorists and lists all 53 victims.
- **Kucinich Amendment.** To require the President to direct the US representatives to the UN to commence negotiations for an international treaty banning space-based weapons.
- **Lantos Amendment.** To require the State Department to develop a strategy to counter widespread perceptions among foreign students that the US is no longer a welcoming place for them.
- **Mack Amendment.** To authorize the Broadcasting Board of Governors to initiate radio and television broadcasts to Venezuela for at least 30 minutes a day of balanced, objective, and comprehensive news programming.
- **Rogers (MI) Amendment.** To state that Congress recognizes and affirms the efforts of the Great Lakes Governors and Canadian Premiers in developing a common standard for decisions relating to the withdrawal of water from the Great Lakes.
- **Tancredo Amendment.** To express the sense of Congress that recent comments made by Chinese Major General Zhu Chenghu's openly advocating the use of nuclear weapons against the United States damages US-China relations and violates China's commitment to resolve its differences with Taiwan peacefully; and express further that the government of the People's

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Republic of China should renounce the use of force against Taiwan, disavow General Zhu's statements, and remove Zhu from his position.

- **Watson Amendment.** To state that it shall be the policy of the US Government to seek the expeditious transfer of Charles Taylor, former President of the Republic of Liberia, to the jurisdiction of the Special Court for Sierra Leone to undergo an open trial for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and other serious violations of international humanitarian law.
- **Watson Amendment.** To authorize \$5 million for the State Department to improve intellectual property law and enforcement in developing countries.
- **Berkley/Crowley Amendment.** Regarding a declaration of policy that states that the US should promote the emergence of a democratic Palestinian government that denounces and combats terrorism; has agreed to disarm terrorists; has agreed to work to eliminate terrorist incitement; has agreed to respect the boundaries and sovereignty of its neighbors; and respects the human rights of all people. It adds a limitation of not more than 25% of the total funds available to the PA can be obligated and expended during any calendar quarter to section 932.
- **Biggert Amendment.** Regarding existing responsibilities on World Bank policy. And to clarify that the Financial Services Committee is an "appropriate committee" to receive any reports prepared Treasury Department regarding the World Bank's activities in Iran.
- **Eshoo Amendment.** To express the sense of Congress that special attention should be paid to the welfare of ChaldoAssyrians and other indigenous Christians in Iraq.
- **Fossella Amendment.** To authorize the US Interest Section in Havana to disseminate the names of fugitives who are enjoying safe-haven in Cuba and any rewards for their capture.
- **Franks Amendment.** To strike section 1019 of the bill, relating to consular and visa services in Pristina, Kosova.
- **McCotter Amendment.** Regarding funds to the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.
- **Reyes Amendment.** To urge the President and Secretary of State to boost efforts to aid Mexican authorities to identify remains of murdered young women in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.
- **Rohrabacher Amendment (60 minutes).** Regarding a Sense of Congress that the capture, detention and interrogation of international terrorists are essential to the successful prosecution of the Global War on Terrorism and to the defense of the US, its citizens, and coalition partners from future terrorist attacks; and that the detention and lawful, humane interrogation by the US of detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba is essential to the defense of the US and its coalition partners and to the successful prosecution of the Global War on Terrorism.
- **Ros-Lehtinen Amendment (60 minutes).** To make it the policy of the U.S. to pursue a transfer of responsibility for Iraqi forces only when they are ready to assume such responsibility and not to withdraw prematurely the US Armed Forces from Iraq. And to require any withdrawal to be done only with careful coordination with a decision by the elected government of Iraq which shall be reached jointly when it is clear that the aim of the establishment of a free and stable Iraq that is at peace and not a threat to its neighbors has been or is about to be achieved.

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: on Thursday, the House is expected to consider **H.R. 3070 – National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2005** (*Rep. Calvert – Science*) (*Subject to a Rule*); and begin **H.R. 3199 – USA PATRIOT and Terrorism Prevention Reauthorization Act of 2005** (*Rep. Sensenbrenner – Judiciary*) (*Subject to a Rule*).

Daily Quote...

"If the president hadn't offered such an ideologically charged [Social Security] plan for shoring up the solvency of the nation's most popular program or if he had directed his ambitions toward a more urgent cause, such as ensuring that all Americans have access to quality health care, he might be well on his way toward a huge contribution to the nation. . . . Mr. Bush thought he won a mandate through his narrow re-election victory and had political capital to spend on dismantling Social Security for his own political ends. He was wrong on both counts - and failed to generate even moderate enthusiasm for his top domestic priority during months of nonstop campaigning since then. Even without a mandate, second terms always provide fresh starts. But so far, Mr. Bush appears to have squandered his."

- *The Baltimore Sun* in an editorial on Tuesday